

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. Canceled.
2. Canceled.
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7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for creating ~~at least one~~ a compacted resource file, the computer-executable instructions comprising instructions for:

reading a control file, wherein the control file specifies ~~at least one~~ a compacted resource file and a plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file, the plurality of resource files being language dependent resource files of a same language and being used by a plurality of different applications;

reading the plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file, wherein reading the plurality of resource files comprises reading header information from the plurality of resource files and reading resource information from the plurality of resource files;

storing the header information from the plurality of resource files into a plurality of resource headers in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file;

storing the resource information from the plurality of resource files into one or more resources in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file;

creating a compacted resource file header for ~~the each of the~~ at least one compacted resource file, wherein the compacted resource file header corresponds to the resource headers and the resources in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file; and

storing the compacted resource file header with the corresponding ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file for access by the plurality of different applications.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the computer-executable instructions for creating the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file further comprise instructions for determining a memory offset for the plurality of resources in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file and storing the memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file header.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the computer-executable instructions for creating the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file further comprise instructions for determining a memory offset for the plurality of resources in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file and storing the memory offset for the plurality of resources in the plurality of resource headers in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file, the plurality of resource headers corresponding to the plurality of resources.

10. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the computer-executable instructions for creating the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file further comprise instructions for storing padding preceding the resources in the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file.

11. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the control file is in a text format.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the computer-executable instructions for creating the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file further comprise instructions for terminating creation of the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file if the control file does not specify ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the ~~at least one~~ compacted resource file are selected

so that the ~~at least one compacted resource file~~ is sized to be a multiple of a minimum memory allocation segment.

14. Canceled.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~14~~7, wherein the plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the ~~at least one compacted resource file~~ are selected so that language dependent resources of the same language and corresponding to related language specific application components are compacted into the same compacted resource file.

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25. (New) A method for creating a compacted resource file, comprising:

reading a control file, wherein the control file specifies a compacted resource file and a plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource file, the plurality of resource files being language dependent resource files of a same language and being used by a plurality of different applications;

reading the plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource file, wherein reading the plurality of resource files comprises reading header information from the plurality of resource files and reading resource information from the plurality of resource files;

storing the header information from the plurality of resource files into a plurality of resource headers in the compacted resource file;
storing the resource information from the plurality of resource files into one or more resources in the compacted resource file;
creating a compacted resource file header for the compacted resource file, wherein the compacted resource file header corresponds to the resource headers and the resources in the compacted resource file; and
storing the compacted resource file header with the compacted resource file for access by the plurality of different applications.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein creating the compacted resource file further comprises determining a memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file and storing the memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file header.

27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein creating the compacted resource file further comprises determining a memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file and storing the memory offset for the plurality of resources in the plurality of resource headers in the compacted resource file, the plurality of resource headers corresponding to the plurality of resources.

28. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein creating the compacted resource file further comprises storing padding preceding the resources in the compacted resource file.

29. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the control file is in a text format.

30. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein creating the compacted resource file further comprises terminating creation of the compacted resource file if the control file does not specify compacted resource file.

31. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource file are selected so that the compacted resource file is sized to be a multiple of a minimum memory allocation segment.

32. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource file are selected so that language dependent resources of the same language and corresponding to related language specific application components are compacted into the same compacted resource file.

33. (New) A system for creating a compacted resource file, the system comprising:
a resource tool configured to read a control file that specifies a compacted resource file and a plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource file, the plurality of resource files being language dependent resource files of a same language and being used by a plurality of different applications, the resource tool being further configured to read header information and resource information from the plurality of resource files, store the header information into a plurality of resource headers in the compacted resource file, store the resource information into one or more resources in the compacted resource file, create a compacted resource file header for the compacted resource file, that corresponds to the resource headers and the resources in the compacted resource file, and store the compacted resource file header with the corresponding compacted resource file for access by the plurality of different applications.

34. (New) The system of claim 33, wherein the resource tool is configured to create the

compacted resource file by determining a memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file and storing the memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file header.

35. (New) The system of claim 33, wherein the create the resource tool is configured to create the compacted resource file by determining a memory offset for the plurality of resources in the compacted resource file and storing the memory offset for the plurality of resources in the plurality of resource headers in the compacted resource file, the plurality of resource headers corresponding to the plurality of resources.

36. (New) The system of claim 33, wherein the resource tool is configured to create the compacted resource file by storing padding preceding the resources in the compacted resource file.